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Dear Sir:

In response to an election requirement mailed on September 28, 2005, applicant provisionally elects the composition of Example 3 on page 30 of the specification with traverse. Claims that read on the composition of Example 3 include claims 1, 2, 5, 10, 11, 12.

The election of the composition of Example 3 provides a composition where T has two isocyanate reactive groups, OH and NH₂, thus k is 2; T', Q' and k" are absent since y is 0; Q is a trivalent linking group; Q" is a divalent linking group, propylene, and x is 0, thus R' is absent.

The election is made with traverse. Applicant has provided 15 working examples comparing data for various compositions of the present invention to two prior art compositions. The application also contains claims 22 and 23 to an article containing the claimed composition. It is respectfully requested that the article claims be maintained with a reasonable generic claim to the composition. It is also requested that divalent perfluoropolyether groups as shown in Example 7 of the specification, with similar scope to the composition of Example 3, be

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maintained. The data in the specification provides evidence that the compositions are not patentably distinct and should be examined together.

Applicant awaits a determination of a generic allowable claim following prosecution on the merits of the elected composition. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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